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AG STRANGE ANNOUNCES COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS UPHOLDS TUSCALOOSA COUNTY MURDER CONVICTION

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange announced the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals on Friday upheld the capital murder, murder, and theft convictions of Alexius Rhamon Foster. Foster, 38, was convicted in November of 2015 of the capital murder of his uncle, George Foster, Jr., and for the murder of Antonio Williams.

Evidence was presented at trial that on June 13, 2013, Foster was seen leaving the residence of his uncle, George Foster, Jr. George Foster regularly stored large amounts of cash in his nightstand. Police found George Foster's body in his bedroom with his hands bound and with 62 cut and stab wounds. The bedroom had been ransacked and investigators found no cash in the bedroom.

Foster mistakenly believed that his friend, Antonio Williams, had provided incriminating evidence against him to police and told acquaintances of his suspicions. A short time later, Williams' deteriorated remains were found by a hunter in a wooded area.

In addition to circumstantial evidence presented against Foster, evidence was presented that Foster had provided details of both murders to a fellow inmate with whom he was incarcerated.

The case was prosecuted at trial by Tuscaloosa County District Attorney Lyn Head's office. Foster was sentenced to concurrent life sentences without the possibility of parole for his capital murder conviction. The circuit court also sentenced Foster to a term of life in prison for his murder conviction and 20 years in prison for his theft conviction. He subsequently sought to have his convictions reversed on appeal.

The Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Section handled the case during the appeals process, arguing for the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals to affirm the conviction. The Court did so in a decision issued on Friday, December 9.

Attorney General Strange commended Assistant Attorney General Madeline Lewis of the Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Section for her successful work in this case.



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